

Application/Control Number: 10/600,461
Art Unit: 1743
May 8, 2007
Page 4

Remarks.

With reference to the Office Action of 02/08/2007, Applicant hereby acknowledges the Examiner's statement that Claims 1-7 would be allowable if rewritten/amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 1-st paragraph.

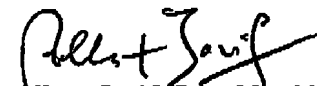
Accordingly, Claims 8-20 have been canceled without prejudice and Claim 1 has been amended to delete therefrom the terms "shaped as a flange" and "flange shaped" objected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Reconsideration of the application as hereby amended is respectfully requested.

In view of the fact that the claims have been hereby amended as requested by the Examiner, it is believed that the application is now in allowable condition and allowance thereof is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



Albert Josif (Reg. No. 22,917)
Agent for Applicant

Date: May 8, 2007
Address: Via Meravigli 16, 20123 MILAN-ITALY
Telephone: (from USA) (011)(39)(02) 8590-7777
Telefax: (from USA)(011)(39)(02) 863-860